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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A conduit assembly for attachment to a mechanical circulatory device, such as a VAD, and a method of using the same. The conduit assembly includes a conduit having a first rigid, curved conduit and a second rigid, curved conduit. A first coupling attaches a first end of the first rigid, curved conduit to the mechanical circulatory device, the coupling being movable between a rotatable position and a fixed position. The conduit assembly further includes a second coupling for attaching a second end of the first rigid, curved conduit to the second rigid, curved conduit, the second coupling being movable between a rotatable position and a fixed position.